

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 87 with the marked up paragraph below.

-- Of course, one or more parts of an embodiment of the invention may be implemented using any combination of software, firmware, and/or hardware. Such software and/or firmware can be store and communicated (internally and with other access nodes over the network) using machine-readable media, such as machine-readable storage media (e.g., magnetic disks; optical disks; random access memory; read only memory; flash memory devices); and machine-readable communications media (e.g., electrical, optical, acoustical or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.)); etc. --